

"Send Off Event" honoring Isabella Jackson set for Sunday, Jan. 7, in Elba as she prepares to head to Montgomery to compete in state Distinguished Young Women program



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Elba Tigers vs. New Brockton Gamecocks set for Friday evening ESCC excited to host several local high school basketball games during January

Enterprise State Community College [ESCC] plans to host several local high school basketball teams during the month of January for their games.

First up on the list of games is the Elba vs. New Brockton game set for Friday, Jan. 5th. Tip off is set for 4:30 p.m. in the Lolley Gym on the campus of Enterprise State

Community College.

"We are excited about hosting the local teams in our service area," said Matt Rodgers, president of ESCC. "Our goal is to be our communities' college. We certainly want to provide a first class venue for our teams to come and compete."

Other games already scheduled include: Kinston

vs. New Brockton on Thursday, Jan. 18, at 4:30 p.m.; and Zion Chapel vs. Florala on Friday, Jan. 26, at 4:30 p.m. Both these games also will be played in the Lolley Gym.

Rodgers said other games with other schools are being scheduled as well.

"It is our hope this will become an annual event," he said. "This also gives our staff the opportunity to meet and greet prospective students and their families." Rodgers said informational tables would be set up in the lobby to include: registration/application process, financial aid, scholarships, program offerings and student activities.

"We have outstanding schools and students in our service area," said Rodgers. "Events such as these give us the chance to connect and provide valuable information about ESCC. We can't wait to see them on our campus."



This rendering shows the potential new sidewalk in front of the Elba Recreation Center on Claxton Avenue in Elba. If the city is approved for the grant to assist with this project, the sidewalk would run from the Dairy Queen north on Claxton Avenue to the intersection of the Hwy 203 Bypass and from there west on the Bypass to the Travel Center.

City Council approves resolution to apply for grant program

Elba plans extensive sidewalk project

The City of Elba recently unanimously approved a resolution to apply for and participate in the FY2018 ALDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).

If the grant is awarded later this year, the City would then begin design on

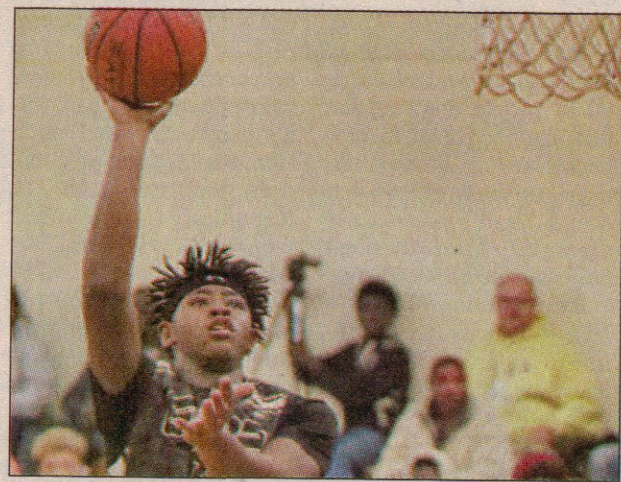
a project to run a sidewalk from the Dairy Queen north on Claxton Avenue to the intersection of the Hwy 203 Bypass and from there west on the Bypass to the Travel Center. The TAP program is an 80/20 program (80% grant - 20% local).

Total cost of the project as designed is estimated to cost \$645,722.55 with the TAP program to furnish \$490,962.60.

It was explained that no final determination has been made on which side of

the 203 Bypass the sidewalk would be constructed. That issue would be decided jointly by engineers, state officials and city officials after detailed studying of the obstacles that might be present after the bypass work is completed.

Some city officials had suggested the project be expanded to include a pedestrian overpass from the East side of Claxton Avenue to the West side, somewhere in the area of the Bypass.



The Elba Tigers are preparing to take on the New Brockton Gamecocks this Friday, Jan. 5, at ESCC at 4:30 p.m.

The Elba Clipper takes a look back at Top Stories from 2017

Top Stories from January 2017 -

- Habitat for Humanity of Coffee County celebrated the completion of its 20th home for Coffee County families Wednesday, Dec. 28, with a Dedication Ceremony at 20 County Road 360, Elba, Ala. The recipients of this home were Dillon and Kasi Stinson and their two sons, Matthew and Jeremiah.

- Two men were arrested Monday night, Jan. 9, in Elba on drug trafficking charges after large amounts of marijuana, hydrocodone and crack cocaine were seized from a residence. Law enforcement conducted a search warrant at 460 Reynolds Avenue in Elba. Brandon V. Smith, age 28, of Atlanta, Ga., and Charles D. Carpenter, age 32, of Elba, were arrested and charged with trafficking marijuana and two counts of possession of a controlled substance (hydrocodone and crack cocaine).

- Coffee County Commissioners began the groundwork Monday, Jan. 9, to have the positions of Constable abolished in the county. Sheriff Dave Sutton asked commissioners to approve a resolution to create a local bill to abolish the offices of constable in Coffee County at the end of the current 4-year term.

- The Elba High School band program celebrated the new year with a "new look" for the school's band room with new carpet, paint, blinds, tile and renovated bathrooms thanks to a project spearheaded by Laurie Chapman in memory of her daughter, Brooke, who passed away unexpectedly at the beginning of 2016. Brooke was a member of the band at the time of her death.

- Probate Judge Stephen Blair administered the oath of office to four of Coffee County's Constables on Thursday, Jan. 12, at the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba. They were Mike Nowicki (on his 4th term); Larry Milliner (1st term); Howard Varner (2nd term); and Howard Lee (4th term). The constables will serve a four-year term in office.

- Alabama Superintendent of Education Michael Sentence visited Zion Chapel Schools on Monday, Jan. 23, to observe Zion Chapel's Play-Based pilot learning program for Pre-K, Kindergarten and First Grade students.

- The Elba High School Alumni Association presented Elba City Schools Superintendent Chresal Threadgill with a \$2,500 donation Thursday evening, Jan. 19, to be used in placing a welcome sign at the back entrance to the school campus. This was a joint project between the alumni association, the former New Season's Study Club and Elba City Schools.

Top Stories from February 2017 -

- A search for two teenagers in Coffee County ended with the young girls being found safe. A missing child alert was issued for Beth Fisher, age 16, and Haley Parrish, age 14, on Saturday evening, Jan. 28th. The search continued until early afternoon Sunday, Jan. 29, when officials reported the two had been located, and they were safe. They reportedly were discovered to be in the home of William A. Catrett, age 22, of Enterprise, and he was arrested and charged with interfering with governmental operations, resisting arrest, and two counts of furnishing alcohol to a minor.

- Sixty band students from Elba, Zion Chapel, Kinston, and New Brockton came together last week for the Coffee County All-County Honor Band, and this group delivered a delightful concert Thursday evening, Jan. 26, at the Elba High School auditorium.

- Nine students competed Friday morning, Jan. 28, in the annual local welding contest held by the Elba Career Academy's welding department at Elba High School. Six of the contestants were Elba High students while two were from Zion Chapel, and one was from New Brockton High. The winner of this year's contest was Jared Spann,

Zion Chapel; second place went to Zack Tidwell from New Brockton; and third place went to Elba's Ashton Hurt.

- The Coffee County Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting Thursday, Feb. 2, and board members put an end to the search for a new football coach at Kinston by approving Jon Cooper as a teacher and head football coach at Kinston School.

- The Alabama Legislature convened its 2017 regular session at noon Tuesday [Feb. 6], and Governor Robert Bentley delivered the annual State of the State Address to a Joint Session of the Alabama Legislature at 6:30 p.m. The governor invited five special guests to the State of the State Address, including three Zion Chapel schoolteachers [Alicia Koonce, Chelsi Jones, and Angie Dillard], and he highlighted their work on special programs during the address.

- A search for Ben Nelson, age 38, of Samson, Alabama continued after he was reported missing. Elba Police Chief Freddy Hanchey said it appears Nelson was last seen Thursday, Feb. 9, around 8:30-9:00 p.m. in the area of Reese and Payne streets in Elba.

- While in attendance for the 'Eggs 'n Issues' Legislative Breakfast, hosted by the Elba Chamber, last Friday morning, Feb. 10, Senator Jimmy Holley made an announcement of interest regarding the U.S. Highway 84 project. Holley said the first letting for January 2017 by the Alabama Department of Transportation on road projects was the 4.508 miles of expansion for U.S. Highway 84 from just east of Alabama Highway 87 in Elba to just east of the junction of County Road 507 near New Brockton.

- Emergency personnel responded Monday afternoon, Feb. 13, to the scene of this vehicle accident, involving a pickup truck and motorcycle, on Alabama Highway 87, near the intersection of County Roads 349 and 242. A 2006 Suzuki motorcycle, operat-

ed by Amanda Rosario, age 27, of Navarre, Fla., crashed into the side of a 1994 Chevrolet truck, driven by David Finger, age 39, of Jack, Ala.

- Elba Parks and Recreation director Greg Hanchey announced a free baseball/softball camp and coaching clinic is set to begin in Elba. The camps and clinics are designated specifically for coaches and players in the Elba Recreation Department.

- The Elba Public Library launched its new book club "Reading In Your PJ's Bookclub" in January. The January winner was Elizabeth Howard. She received a blanket, designed in a western scene [which went well with the book theme western romance/suspense].

Top Stories from March 2017 -

- Elba Police responded to the scene of a shooting Monday afternoon, Feb. 27, just after 4 p.m. at the intersection of U.S. Highway 84 and County Road 501. The victim was identified as Nicholas "Tyler" Bolling, age 27, of Andalusia, Ala. He was transported by Coffee County EMS to Medical Center Enterprise, where a short time later he was pronounced dead.

- Emergency personnel in Elba responded Monday morning, Feb. 27, to the Dollar General store on the 203 Bypass after a Ford truck crashed through a wall/window on the building. A customer in the store was injured in this accident. Coffee County EMS transported Janice Box to Medical Center Enterprise for treatment.

- Coffee County Commissioners made the county's support of Purple Heart veterans clear Monday morning, Feb. 27, as a resolution declaring Coffee County as a 'Purple Heart County' was approved during the regular commission meeting.

- The Elba Police Department recovered the body of what appeared to be a white male Monday afternoon, March 6, from

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Registration packets for Miss Zion Chapel pageants due Friday, Jan. 5

Altrusa International of Jack, Alabama is looking for young ladies from the age of 4 to 21 for this year's Miss Zion Chapel Pageants.

The Miss Zion Chapel Pageants is open for all girls in the surrounding areas, not just those from Zion Chapel, to participate (except for Little Miss and Miss). Age divisions for this year's pageant include: Future Little Miss (Age 4-Kindergarten), Little Miss (1st Grade), Petite Miss (2nd-3rd Grades), Preteen Miss (4th-6th Grades), Junior Miss (7th-8th Grades), Teen Miss (9th-10th Grades), and Miss

(Ages 17-21).

Pageant Information Packets and Forms are currently available for download on the Miss Zion Chapel Pageants Facebook Page. Registration forms should be delivered to the Zion Chapel Baptist Church Fellowship Hall between 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm on Friday, Jan. 5th.

For more information, including requests for a registration packet, contact Pam Grantham (pgrantham1869@gmail.com) or visit the Altrusa International of Jack and/or Miss Zion Chapel Pageant pages on Facebook.

ADPH alerts Alabamians of increased flu activity

Influenza (flu) activity levels are increasing across the state of Alabama.

The flu is a very contagious respiratory illness. Some of the symptoms of influenza include fever, cough, sore throat, runny/stuffy nose, headache, muscle aches, and extreme fatigue.

"This increased rate of flu activity is concerning because influenza can be a serious disease for anyone, including children, pregnant women, and previous-

ly healthy young adults," said Dr. Burnestine Taylor, Medical Officer for Disease Control and Prevention for the Alabama Department of Public Health.

An annual influenza vaccination is recommended for everyone 6 months and older and is the best prevention against getting the flu. Physicians, pharmacists and county health departments can provide flu vac-

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Area Happenings:

COFFEE COUNTY SCHOOLS STUDENTS for Kinston, Zion Chapel and New Brockton return to school Thursday, Jan. 4, from the Christmas holidays. The schools will be closed Monday, Jan. 15, in observance of the Lee/King Birthday holiday.

ELBA CITY SCHOOLS STUDENTS return to school Friday, Jan. 5, from the Christmas holidays break. Elba City Schools will be closed Monday, Jan. 15, in observance of the King/Lee Birthday holiday.

THE COFFEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 10 a.m. at the Alabama Forestry Commission, 1155 E. McKinnon, New Brockton, Ala.

THE ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD will have a Special Called Board Meeting on Thursday, Jan. 11, at 5:30 p.m. at the Central Office on the Elba City Schools campus.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"I am a man of fixed and unbending principles, the first of which is to be flexible at all times." – Everett Dirksen, Senate Minority Leader (1959-1969)

The computers in our lives are going to have much fantastic speed in future (quantum) computers. The experts concede that the digital age is quite an accomplishment for humanity but we ain't seen nothing yet! In fact the article we were reading noted that a few of these things already exist (but as super computers, not desktops or hand held units). We sat and started reading an explanation on how it works but . . . don't ask us to tell you about it. Just remember we never knew everything our very first, very small – almost comical to think of now, computer could do and that was at least five generations of computers ago (like the mid 1980's). The explaining gets into dealing, not with zeros and ones but with subatomic particles. They say we "can't look at the quantum state because it is not there"! From there the explanations get even more complicated. People who understand quantum mechanics, math, etc., will say – with a straight face – that using this "science" a person can be alive and dead at the same time or the atomic particles are in more than one place at the same time. Remembering the earlier comment about "it isn't there" and now it is in more than one place - right there is where we moved on to re-reading the comics in a day-old newspaper. We do understand Peanuts, Dagwood, etc., at least enough to issue a knowing chuckle.

Holiday spending was up again this Christmas just passed season, according to the experts. That pushes the outstanding consumer debt to another record high (like 20 trillion)! Lots of families got badly burned during the last recession due to their high personal debts. It cost many families to face car loan defaults and home mortgage foreclosures. For a while after that there was lots of talk about changing spending habits and reducing the mountains of debt. It appears that us old folks are not the only people with short memory spans!

During the New Year holiday we saw an editorial page headline that indicated that Donald Trump had done a good job managing the government during his first year in office, in spite of his off the wall comments, etc. We didn't stop and read just why this person felt Trump had done a good job, but vowed to go back and digest it later. Thus far we have not done so, but still have good intentions. We will keep you posted in case you are as surprised as we are that anyone but a hard core Trump supporter would voice those words. If it is true, we surely want to join in the praises.

By the time these words make it to our readers, there should be another announced candidate for the U. S. House seat now held by Representative Martha Roby. We are told the Montgomery resident will make the announcement at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday in Enterprise. Since we have had no official word on this event, it is probably best not to mention any names and start a rumor that might turn out to be misleading at best or just plain old "fake news".

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Dec. 25, investigated the following incidents: two for criminal mischief, one for unlawful possession of a controlled substance, one for harassment, one for trespassing, two for theft of property, one burglary, one vehicle pursuit, and one criminal trespassing.

Arrests made during the week included: one for unlawful possession of a controlled substance, and one for failure to appear.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: none recorded.

MONDAY, DEC. 25 – Single vehicle accident reported on Hwy. 189 S just before Shiloh Dirt Road (12:09 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1763 County Rd. 349 (11:00 a.m.); Domestic disturbance (verbal) reported at 1157 Morrow Ave. (4:09

p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1796 Highland Dr. (5:40 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 359 County Rd. 349 (6:34 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 3417 County Rd. 110 (7:21 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 922 Roosevelt Dr. (8:31 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 429 Private Rd. 1506 (10:27 p.m.).

TUESDAY, DEC. 26 – Coffee County EMS dispatched to 98 Carver Ave. (6:22 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1123 Guyton St. (10:35 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 4727 County Rd. 305 (11:06 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 1005 Neil Grantham Dr. (3:17 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 921 County Rd. 325 (4:37 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 519 Williams St. (7:48 p.m.).

This time around, the new year offers something extra exciting for the American people.

I'm pleased to report that Congress has finally passed our historic, pro-growth tax reform and Americans will

Guest Editorial: Paws for Frosty

After hearing countless versions of "Baby It's Cold Outside" during this Christmas season, I couldn't help but think of the poor four-footed friends left out in the cold. As a rule, if you feel chilly, so does your pet. Most dogs and cats cannot tolerate lower than 45 degrees for an extended period. Pets left outside can experience hypothermia, frostbite and even death, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA).

While Huskies may happily linger in the snow and ice, a Jack Russell may shiver at 50 degrees. Indoor pets miss the signal to grow thick winter hair and may appreciate a warm sweater for that outdoor walk. Short hair and short legs both result in a cold dog. Small breeds with tummies close to the snow can rapidly turn from Toto dogs into Terrier-cycles.

Feral cats may rebuff your offer of garage space, but will still seek out warm places, like your car engine. To prevent a tragedy, a couple of raps on the hood before you open the door should scare the cat into deserting the engine. Leaving your dog in the car on a cold day can be as deadly as a hot day as the cold can get trapped inside, creating a refrigerator effect.

Be sure to clean your cat's or dog's paws and bellies when you come in from playing in the snow. Rock salt can cling to hair and toes. When pets lick these irritants off, they can harm the throat and stomach, sometimes requiring emergency veterinary treatment.

If you are putting on a jacket, your dog or cat needs extra treats and food. Cold weather burns more calories and a little extra bacon or

soon being experiencing the benefits.

After months of work, we have delivered on our promise to cut taxes, bring balance to the tax code, and jumpstart job growth. While the House passed its version

tuna can make life more comfortable for furry family members.

Watch for the signs of hypothermia: if your pet is whining, shivering, appears anxious or weak, slows down or stops moving, or starts looking for warm places to burrow, take action to get them inside and slowly warmed up, advises AMVA. Frostbite may not show up for days, after it is too late to treat. Seek immediate veterinary care.

It is a hard-cold reality that warmer temperatures are around the corner in Alabama. In our state, heat causes more doggie deaths than cold.

Many of the adorable puppies received this Christmas, and from Christmases long ago, will be placed in cars for trips around town with their owners during our warmer months. It is hard to look at surrounding lanes of traffic and not see a dog "driving", in the driver's lap, or hanging out the window in Alabama. I know because our lab, Sue, loves to ride to the farm in the back of the Suburban, but if we aren't in the car neither is she, unless the rear doors are open.

We know our pets love the adventure and are happy to be along for the ride or ride shotgun, but let's not fool ourselves into thinking they want to go to the mall or grocery store and sit in the car waiting on us! Nope, they'd rather be safe at home taking a nap or doing their thing. I mean, who hasn't had a quick 5-minute trip in the grocery store turn into 20 minutes? All the while that backseat 'bed' can become an oven very quickly with no windows down – or with a window "cracked." Studies show the temperature can rise 30 degrees in only 20 minutes. Heatkills.org reports that "at 70 degrees on a sunny day, after a half hour, the temperature inside a car is 104 degrees. After an hour, it can reach 113 degrees." The joyride is over, and a heat stroke can occur or death.

AMVA reports that hundreds of dogs die every year from heat exhaustion. YouTube videos show how quickly temperatures rise in a car. And, it doesn't just happen in summer – spring is around the corner and our pleasant 70s temperatures can become deadly hot in a parked car.

It is time for Alabama's lawmakers to join 27 other states and pass protections for our fur family members that will protect our pets and those Good Samaritans who would rescue a pet from a hot car. When they return to Montgomery in 2 weeks, for a predicted short legislative session, I urge them to pass Pet-in-Hot Car Bill, HR 524, which did not pass in 2017. That law would provide good Samaritan civil immunity from personal or property injury claims if a window is broken to protect a pet in dangerous conditions. This is one step forward to help Alabama out of the bottom tier of states with much needed animal cruelty laws.

Remember, your dog cannot sweat and he's wearing a fur coat. Paws and think about 'is it really a good idea for Molly or Max' to go on this ride? Call your local legislators and express your support, or leave a comment with your pet's names and your county and I'll be sure to forward it.

Written by Alice Martin, the former United States Attorney for Northern Alabama (2001-2009) and former Chief Deputy Attorney General for Alabama (2015-2017).

of tax reform months ago, differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill had to be worked out in a conference committee.

I was proud to support the final product and vote alongside my colleagues to send the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act to the President's desk.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act lowers individual tax rates and roughly doubles the standard deduction for individuals and married couples. That means less of your paycheck is subject to taxes beginning this year.

The average, median-income American family will see about \$2,100 in tax relief – not just one year, but annually. For moms and dads working to make ends meet, having a few thousand extra dollars in the budget can make a big difference. It's your money to begin with and I believe you know how to spend it better than the federal government does.

Another important aspect of our tax reform plan is lowering business taxes. A lot of people don't realize that our effective tax rate for businesses is among the highest in the world. All that does is send jobs overseas and make it harder for small businesses to be successful.

By lowering business taxes to a globally-competitive 21 percent, we can boost our economy and spur job growth here in the United States.

While our bill eliminates many unnecessary and burdensome special-interest deductions, it also preserves a lot of the popular tax deductions people count on, including the student loan

interest deduction, the deduction for teachers' expenses, the medical expense deduction, the charitable giving deduction, the adoption tax credit, and the mortgage interest deduction. It doubles the Child Tax Credit to help working families, and it eliminates the Obamacare individual mandate tax penalty.

After the bill passed, I joined my colleagues and the President at the White House to celebrate this monumental accomplishment. My children, Margaret and George were on break from school for the holidays, so they were able to be in Washington and attend the event with me. I am so thankful they were able to witness this historic moment. This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to reduce the tax burden on American families and grow our economy – and I'm glad we could deliver on this promise we've been making for so many years.

A lot of misinformation has been spread by those who oppose this plan, and it's generated some confusion about what our bill does and does not do. Regardless, I am confident the results will speak for themselves.

The American people will know who was telling the truth when they see more money in their pockets and experience a growing economy thanks to our historic tax reform plan. I am proud that we were able to come together and deliver this relief to families and businesses just in time for 2018.

Happy New Year!

Bob Bush, DVM

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Farmers Federation endorses Senator Jimmy Holley

FarmPAC, the political action committee of the Alabama Farmers Federation, has announced its endorsement of Sen. Jimmy Holley for State Senate District 31, which covers portions of Coffee, Covington, Dale and Pike counties.

"Sen. Holley has represented us well in the Senate," said Coffee County Farmers Federation President Max Bozeman. "He has worked hard to ensure that the best inter-

ests of the people of our district are met, and we are confident he will continue to do so."

Holley was born in Coffee County and received his bachelor's and master's degrees from East Tennessee University. He is



Senator Jimmy Holley

employed by Southeast Pharmaceuticals in Elba.

"It is an honor to receive the Alabama Farmers Federation endorsement," Holley said. "I look forward to working with them as I continue to represent the conservative values of all the people of District 31 in

Montgomery."

Holley and his wife, Mary Harmon, have two children. They attend College Avenue Church of Christ in Enterprise.

The Alabama Farmers Federation is the state's largest farm organization with more than 357,000 members. It uses a true grassroots approach to select candidates, relying on FarmPAC recommendations from county Federation boards for local elections.

Upcoming Happenings at Landmark Park in Dothan, Ala

JAN. 20 • BLUEBIRD WORKSHOP 10 a.m. Learn about bluebirds with expert Dr. Gary Manfreedy. Free with paid gate admission. Registration required. Call 334-794-3452 to register.

JAN. 22 • ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER 6 p.m. Dinner for Dothan Landmarks Foundation members. Recap of 2017, new board members, and Volunteer of the Year and Heritage Award winners announced. Stokes Activity Barn. Advance tickets required. \$15 per person. Meal prepared by the Blue Plate Restaurant. Call 334-794-3452 for tickets.

JAN. 26 • PROJECT LEARNING TREE TRAINING 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Interpretive Center Auditorium. For classroom and homeschool teachers. \$40 per person, includes curriculum materials. \$10 lunch option. Call 334-794-3452 to register. Registration required.

JAN. 27 • HUMMINGBIRD WORKSHOP 10 a.m. Learn about hummingbirds with expert Fred Basset. Free with paid gate admission. Registration required. Call 334-794-3452 to register.

JAN. 27 • SEED SWAP 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Ag Building. Hosted by Wiregrass Master Gardeners. Gardeners are encouraged to bring samples of their favorite seeds to exchange with others. The park is especially interested in obtaining heirloom seeds. Free with paid gate admission.

FEB. 9-10 • QUILT RETREAT Friday 5 p.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Taught by Sherry Burkhalter. Theme this year

is Bed Runners Galore. \$65, includes supper Friday, lunch Saturday, drinks and snacks. Bring your sewing machine and supplies. Books and supplies available at Quilted Creations in Headland. Call Sherry at 334-790-9045 to register. Registration is required.

FEB. 13-15 • VALENTINE'S PAST Come learn how Valentine's Day was celebrated in years past with this new seasonal session! Students will learn the history and traditions of Valentine's Day while touring our historic buildings on site. Students will have the opportunity to make old-fashioned valentines and valentine decorations. The program will wrap up with some hot chocolate and a sweet treat for the students! **Due to the hands on nature of this program, groups are limited to approximately 30 students per session. Cost: \$10/student Program Length: 1.5 hours (9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. or 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) Recommended age: PreK-5th. **PREREGISTERED SCHOOL/HOMESCHOOL GROUPS ONLY! VISIT WWW.LANDMARKPARKDOTHAN.COM/EDUCATION TO REGISTER.**

FEB. 16 • ASTRONOMY NIGHT 6 p.m.-9 p.m. View stars and planets through telescopes and binoculars, plus a starry hayride, nightwalks, planetarium programs and snacks. Meets several requirements for the Astronomy Badge. Reservations required, call 334-794-3452. Admission is \$4 for members, \$5 for scouts and leaders in uniform and \$7 for nonmembers. Free for ages 5 and under.

DAV Wiregrass Chapter plans Jan. 25th meeting in New Brockton, Ala.

The January meeting for the DAV Wiregrass Chapter 99, located in New Brockton, Ala., will be held Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 6 p.m.

The meeting will take place in the New Brockton Senior Center.

For further information contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707.

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cinations for Alabamians. Request the "quadrivalent vaccine," the one that protects against four influenza strains, because one of the strains in circulation in Alabama (Type B/Yamagata) is only included in the quadrivalent vaccine.

In addition to taking the flu vaccine, other measures can reduce or prevent the spread of influenza. These include staying at home when sick, covering the mouth and nose with a tissue/cloth when coughing or sneezing, and washing hands or using hand sanitizer frequently.

Physicians should prioritize influenza as a possible diagnosis for ill patients when treating them. Additionally, all hospitalized patients and all high-risk patients (either hospitalized or outpatient) with suspected influenza should be treated as soon as possible with a neuraminidase inhibitor antiviral. Even if

the rapid or quick flu test is negative, a patient may still have influenza.

"It's not too late to get a flu shot to protect against this serious disease. People become protected about two weeks after receiving the vaccine," said Dr. Taylor.

Public Health will be conducting a statewide flu vaccine awareness campaign "Start 2018 Off On the Right Foot" beginning in January to educate the public and remind everyone it is not too late to get the flu vaccine. Contact a private provider, pharmacy or local county health department to receive an influenza vaccination.

For more information contact the Immunization Division of the Alabama Department of Public Health at (334) 206-5023 or toll free at 800-469-4599, and visit alabamapublichealth.gov/immunization for updated influenza activity information.

Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly at <www.elba-clipper.com>

CARROLL HAYWOOD FLOWERS

Mr. Carroll Haywood Flowers, age 80, died Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2017, at his son's residence in Opp, Ala.



A memorial service was held Thursday, Dec. 28, 2017 at Ino Baptist Church with Bro. Garry Winstead officiating. Wyatt Funeral Home of Opp served the Flowers family.

He was preceded in death by his wife Wayne Foley Flowers; daughter Benita Flowers Dyess; and parents Clevester Flowers and Minnie Pearl Ellis Flowers.

Survivors include his son: Tim Flowers (wife Melissa); daughter: Kay Flowers Hudson (husband Lavaughn); brothers: Jack Flowers and Butch Flowers; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

LOIS CLARK ANDERSON

Mrs. Lois Clark "Sanders" Anderson, age 91, of Opp, Ala., formerly of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, Dec. 30, 2017, at her home in Opp.

Graveside services were held Jan. 2, 2018 from Evergreen Cemetery in Elba with Rev. Alan Dieas officiating and Hayes Funeral Home directing. Survivors include her daughter: Joan (Tony) Kervin, Opp; son: Jimmy (Catherine) Sanders, Norcross, Ga.; eight grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

EVELYN FLORENE HOCUTT

Mrs. Evelyn Florene Hocutt, age 89, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, December 31, 2017, at Arbor Springs Health and Rehab Center in Opelika, Ala.

Memorial services will be held at the First Baptist Church of Elba at a later date. In lieu of flowers, her family requests memorials be made to the First Baptist Church of Elba or to Gideons International. Hayes Funeral Home & Cremations of Elba, Alabama is serving the Hocutt family.

She was preceded in death by her husband George Ellis Hocutt, along with her parents Della and Flournoy Whitman, and brothers Travis and Carlton Whitman.

Survivors include two daughters: Deborah Hocutt Stabler, Auburn, Ala., Della Lawanna Flowers, Crawfordville, Fla.; son: Marion Keith Hocutt, Elba; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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No downside to quitting tobacco, says A.D.P.H.

There is no downside to quitting tobacco, and the benefits are priceless.

The Alabama Department of Public Health offers free assistance to stop tobacco use through the Tobacco Quitline. The Quitline helps callers develop an individualized quit plan, offers coaching, and provides up to eight weeks of nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) patches if the user is medically eligible and enrolled in the coaching program.

All services at the Quitline - 1-800-QUIT-NOW - are free to Alabama residents.

Within 20 minutes of quitting, heart rate and blood pressure drop. By the end of three months, circulation improves and lung function increases, according to the American Cancer Society. With a pack of cigarettes costing \$5 or more, quitting means more money to spend for other things.

Quitline services are available every day from 6 a.m. to midnight, with calls placed after hours or on holidays returned the next business day. The Quitline schedules phone coaching sessions at the caller's convenience, according to Quitline Manager Julie Hare. Online services are available at QuitNowAlabama.com.

If the caller is eligible for NRT, it is mailed directly to the caller's home. Medicaid callers will be referred to Medicaid for their cessation medications.

"Because Medicaid pays for any of the seven FDA-

approved cessation medications, we require Medicaid recipients to get their medications through Medicaid's program. We can, however, help their doctor with the authorization process," Hare said.

All callers enrolled in the program will be asked to set a quit date within 30 days and work with a coach to make a plan. Studies show the combination of coaching and medication doubles the chances of being successful, she said.

Tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death in the U.S. In Alabama, some 8,600 people die annually from tobacco use. Almost one-third of cancer deaths in Alabama are attributable to smoking, according to the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids.

According to the 2016 Adult Tobacco Survey, more than 60 percent of Alabamians who smoke said they tried to quit at least once during the past year. It can take multiple attempts for a person to quit, Hare said.

For more information on quitting, contact the Quitline at 1-800-784-8669.

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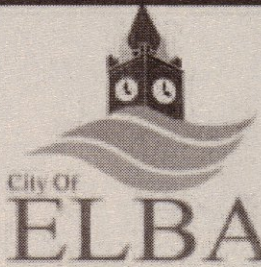
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LIFESTYLES



THE ELBA BOOK CLUB HELD ITS CHRISTMAS PARTY TUESDAY, DEC. 19, AT THE ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY. This club meets every third Tuesday of the month at the Elba Library, and anyone is welcome to participate. Books are available for check-out at the library or on Camellia.net. New books to discuss in the coming months for the Elba Book Club include: Jan. 16 – “Before We Were Yours” by Lisa Wingate; Feb. 20 – “Beneath a Scarlet Sky” by Mark T. Sullivan; and March 20 – “The Kitchen House” by Kathleen Grissom. Pictured above are book club members who were present for the December Christmas Party. They were: (seated, from left) Betty Rogers, Laura Lassiter, and Nell Gilmer; (standing, from left) Chris Sutley, Kathy Hathcock, Charlotte Goodson, Joan Ward, Ella Kate Ham, Mary Grider, and Betsy Watson.

Farris named partner with McDaniel & Associates CPA firm

McDaniel & Associates is announces Michael Farris as the firm’s newest partner.

Michael joined McDaniel & Associates in 2005. In addition to being a CPA, he is a Certified Construction Industry Financial Professional (CCIFP), which he uses to help lead the firm’s Construction and Real Estate group.

Michael also leads the firm’s Cost Segregation department that strives to maximize real estate investors’ cash flow. He is passionate about helping business owners structure and grow their businesses through accounting systems, operational structures, tax strategies, business consulting, and more. Michael’s extensive



Michael Farris

experience serving clients in construction, real estate, manufacturing, and agricultural industries brings value to each relationship.

Michael received his Bachelor of Science in accounting from Troy State University and his Master of business administration from the University of

Alabama at Birmingham.

Michael is married to Stacey Farris and they have three children. He is a member of Memphis Baptist Church where he serves as a deacon.

Applications now being accepted for Rattlesnake Rodeo Angels program

The Rattlesnake Rodeo Committee is accepting applications for the Rattlesnake Rodeo Angels Program. To qualify to be a Rattlesnake Rodeo Angel, the applicant must have an illness that negatively impacts the quality of his/her life.

Pick up an application at Opp City Hall, WOPP, WAMI, JR’s Lawnmower Shop, or the Opp Chamber of Commerce.

All apps must be submitted to Opp City Hall no later than Friday, Jan. 26.

Representing Coffee County in this year’s event

Elba’s Isabella Jackson headed to Montgomery for Distinguished Young Women of Alabama event

The Distinguished Young Woman of Coffee County, **Isabella Jackson**, of Elba, departs next week for Montgomery, Alabama to participate and compete for thousands of cash and college scholarships!

A “send-off reception” in Isabella’s honor, will be given Sunday, Jan. 7, at the Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, from 2-3:30 p.m. All county participants, friends, and patrons of the Distinguished Young Women of Coffee County are invited to attend.

In June of this year, Coffee County awarded \$10,000 in cash scholarships to several local participants. From this strong group of young women, Isabella was chosen to represent Coffee County and personally earned \$5,200 in cash scholarship to the college of her choice.

While in Montgomery, county representatives of the Class of 2018 spend ten days meeting dignitaries, being empowered by the “Be Your Best Self” philosophy and preparing for the weekend showcase. More scholarship opportunities will be awarded!

The Distinguished Young Women of Alabama, will be held at Frazier UMC-Wesley Hall, 6000 Atlanta Hwy., Montgomery, AL 36117. TICKET INFO: 334-538-4451 or alabamadytwickets@gmail.com

DISTINGUISHED YOUNG WOMEN is a national scholarship program that inspires high school girls to develop their full, individual potential through a fun, transformative experience that culminates in a celebratory showcase of their accomplishments. The program has provided life-changing experience for more than 745,000 young women and more than \$104,000 million in cash scholarships has



Coffee County’s Distinguished Young Woman, Isabella Jackson of Elba, will represent the county in the upcoming Distinguished Young Women of Alabama state event to be held in Montgomery.

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been awarded at the local, state and national levels combined.

DYW strives to give every young woman the opportunity to further her education and prepare for a successful future. National Sponsors are The City and County of Mobile, Wintzell’s, Alabama Power, Master Boat Builders, The Barbara Barrington Jones Family Foundation, Encore Rehabilitation, Inc., Sweet Home Alabama, Alabama Assoc. of RC&D Councils, REGIONS Bank, and Evonik Industries.



Rumours of Fleetwood Mac will perform a tribute show Thursday, Jan. 18, at the Elba High School auditorium as part of the 2017-2018 Coffee County Arts Alliance season.

Arts Alliance brings Fleetwood Mac tribute show to Elba

Rumours of Fleetwood Mac, a Tribute Show, will perform Thursday, Jan. 18, in Elba at 7 p.m.

The concert will be at the Elba High School auditorium, and it is sponsored by the Coffee County Arts Alliance.

Rumours is the country’s premier Fleetwood Mac tribute band. Based in Atlanta, Ga., Rumours captures the energy of Fleetwood Mac at the height of the band’s career by blending perfect harmonies, precise instrumentation and a visually engaging stage show.

Rumours’ dedication to recreating the Fleetwood Mac experience has skyrocketed their popularity, garnering a loyal fan base. Fleetwood Mac, formed in London in 1967, is a British-American rock

band. Initially conceived as a hard-edged British blues combo, the band gradually evolved into a polished pop rock act over the course of a decade.

Hear the tribute band sing favorites such as “Over My Head”, “Rhiannon”, “Go Your Own Way”, “You Make Loving Fun”, “Don’t Stop”, “Landslide” and “Little Lies”.

Tickets are available in Elba at Interiors and Gifts by Bradley’s and Wildflowers Florist & Gifts. Individual ticket prices are as follows:

- Purchased in advance: \$25 for adults, \$20 for students;
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CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Michael Woodham
Elba First Baptist Church

This past year I read a book called, "Sifted" by Waned Corderio. It helped me to look at the difficulties in life in a new perspective. The following is from that book. All month we will look at how God can transform us through the "sifting" times in our lives.

Read Luke 22:31-32 in the Bible. The term sifted means to separate, examine closely or question. It denotes to pass through, sort, scrutinize or inspect. The process of sifting, coming to that moment when our strength is spent is how God builds our faith. Jesus also tells the disciples that He prayed for them and that their faith would not fail. The reason is that we can go and give others the strength they are lacking.

Sifting produces clarity about who we are and what we do; giving definition to the work of ministry that produces long term results and fruitfulness. The real question is not whether we will face failure but how well we will face it? What do you do when things do not go as you plan?

Scripture tells us that the challenges we face in life happen for a reason, and the process of sifting refines us, revealing our weaknesses, exposing our self-dependence and inviting us to a greater faith in God and greater dependence on His promises.

A sifted person is someone who is able, by God's grace, to reflect upon his experience and emerge from a time of trial with a better grasp of what matters most. They are a person who has been tested, prove capable, and mature. Pray that we do not avoid being sifted but with God's help be able to navigate the process, keeping our eyes on Jesus and come through with a greater faith than before.

Just remember David was trained in the desert caves, hiding from his enemies; Joseph was trained in the prisons of Egypt; Moses was taught and humbled as a shepherd in the desert of Saini. Did they give up? No, they followed the Lord and their faith was ratified. David became the greatest king Israel ever had, Joseph became second in command in Egypt and saved Israel from famine, and Moses led 2,000,000 people out of slavery.

Difficulties will either break us down or build us up. It depends on how we face them. Trust that God will bring you through your difficulties stronger than before that when the time comes, we can go and strengthen those that need it.

IN Christ,
Rev. Michael Woodham

Program celebrating life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. set for Jan. 13th at Mulberry District Association Building in Elba

A community wide celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be held Saturday, Jan. 13, at the Mulberry District Association Building, Hwy 84 West in Elba.

The program begins at 4 p.m. with keynote speaker

Rev. S.C. Hudson, pastor of Greater Sardis Baptist Church in Ozark, Ala. A special salute to Dr. King will be directed by Min. Pam Mitchell.

The theme for this program is "A Time for Unity and Courage".

All are invited to attend.

Vietnam Veterans chapter invites all members to Jan. 13th meeting

The Vietnam Veterans of America Inc. Chapter 373 will hold its regular monthly meeting on Saturday, Jan. 13, at 9 a.m., at the Clayhatchee Community House.

The chapter is looking for more in Country and Vietnam Era Veterans to become members.

All members encouraged to attend this meeting.

Country Cathedral to sponsor Redbook Church Hymnal Singing Reunion on the 20th

On January 20, 2018 at 6 p.m. the Country Cathedral is sponsoring a Redback Church Hymnal Singing Reunion Concert Choir featuring Members of... The Disciples, King's Four, The Old Timers QT., Ken Helms, The Hendersons, The Williamsons, The Pilgrims

Qt., New Covenant Singers, The Senn Family, The Longworth Family, Lloyd, Fowler & the Cavaliers, Crossroads Boys, Jeff Cain and The Samaritans, The Shining Lights, The Smith Family, The Dyess Family and more...

Those attending are urged to bring a Redback Church Hymnal.

Country Cathedral is located on U.S. Hwy 84 between Elba and Opp.

There is no admission charge. For more info call: 334-493-7413.

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Scripture: Popularity Passes Away (Ecclesiastes 4: 13-16)

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John/Christina Nelson 12/19 (W.A.)
Cordell Hooks 12/20
Mary Agnes Dixon 12/23
Lucille Hammonds 12/23
Tom Hooks 12/23
E.J. Yelverton 12/25
Joe Smith Sr. 12/25 (in memory)
Shane Williams 12/25
Arianna E. Kelley 12/25
Danny/Janice Cole 12/27 (W.A.)
Mae Sue Dawson 12/27
Thomas Williams 12/28 (in memory)
Sonya Wheeler Rich 12/28
Pastor A.R./Bessie Williams 12/31 (W.A.)

Christian Education/Leadership Conference will set for Saturday, Jan. 13, at 9 a.m., at Poplar Springs Missionary Baptist Church

in New Brockton. Pastor is Rev. Donald K. Mitchell. Special guest will be Dr. Vernon Swift, pastor of Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church in Tuscaloosa, Ala. He also is the president of the Alabama State Missionary Baptist Convention Inc. Event scripture: Jeremiah 29:11 and 1 Corinthians 4:1-2

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the week of 12/28/17

Q: From the Book of Exodus the Lord will have war with whom from generation to generation? (Amalek) (Pilate), (Eliezer).

A: Because the Lord has sworn: The Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation. (read Exodus 17: 16)

Question for the Week of 1/4/2018

Q: Of these which isn't a Biblical nationality? (Canaanite), (Pegamites), (Hittites)
Q: Who committed mankind's first murder? (Seth), (Able), (Cain)

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue

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Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

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Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
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Tue. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

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Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

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Pastor
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Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

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Rev. Remonia Smith
Church Service... 9:00 a.m.
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Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

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Larry Mills-Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Diana White, Pastor
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship... 9:45 a.m.
Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities)... 6:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Dale Morgan-Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

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Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
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Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

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Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

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Rev. David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.
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Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.
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ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
Michael Woodham, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Michael Lawler, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

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Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPT CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Phillip Adcock, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLYS OF GOD - KINSTON
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.

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Willie L. Peterson, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

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W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Michael Lawler Pastor
Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
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Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
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Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School... 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Bro. Andy Marler, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH
Ben Posey, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service... 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Rev. Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPT. CHURCH
Olan Strickland-Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Kevin Byrd
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.
Linda Williams, Pastor
Sunday... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Even... 7:30 p.m.

NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE
W. K. Ellison, Pastor.
Morning Worship... 9:00 a.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening... 7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m.

NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Will Jordan, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Services 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Terry Godwin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study... 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH
Minister
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

NEW GLORIOUS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Elder James Starks Jr - Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Shane Thompson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

NEW HADEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Brad Sasser - Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
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Wed. Even. Service 6:30 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH
Bro. Lanny Shepard, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Lorearl Flowers, Minister
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba
Max Reed, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.

VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH
Pastor Donald Mills
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Donnie Marler, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:45 p.m.
Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.

VICTORY TABERNACLE
Rev. Ruby Lawson, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Ken Wilson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH
Richard Collier - Pastor
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Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Kenneth Hagler, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Ronnie Stuckey, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Mike Medley - Pastor
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Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Cary Maulden, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

ZOAR COMMUNITY CHURCH
John Isaacs, Pastor
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CASE NO. PC-2017-090

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Cathy Pippin as Personal Representative of the Estate of Angelee Bowers, deceased, on the 14th day of December, 2017 by the Honorable Steven E. Blair, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Steven E. Blair
Steven E. Blair
Judge of Probate
12/21, 12/28 & 1/4-pd

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Fairview and Britt Tank Paintings and Rehabs will be received by the Coffee County Water Authority, at their office located at 401 East Davis Street, Elba, AL 36323, until 10:00 a.m. local time on January 25, 2018 at which time the Bids received will be opened and read aloud. The Project consists of painting and rehabbing the Fairview and Britt Tanks, both of which are 125,000 gallon steel elevated multi-column tanks.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: David Hicks and Associates, 406 Dothan Road Abbeville, AL 36310, 334-585-5841, harmojc@gmail.com. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office via pick-up or mail upon a non-refundable production cost payment of \$100. Bidding Documents also may be examined at the water authority office, 401 East Davis Street, Elba, AL 36323.

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Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instruction to Bidders. Bidders shall submit proof of qualifications to perform the Work as described in the Instructions to Bidders. Owner: Coffee County Water Authority
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Title: Chairman
Date: December 18, 2017

END OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

Default being made in the conditions of that certain mortgage executed by TRAY A. SPEIGNER AND KRISTY M. SPEIGNER, husband and wife, to Troy Bank and Trust Company, a banking corporation, on August 31, 2015, and being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama in A/OFFR 161A, Page 11, said Mortgagee to realize the entire indebtedness hereby will, on the 31st day of January, 2018, between the legal hours of sale at the Courthouse door in Coffee

County, Alabama, Elba Division, under the powers contained in said mortgage, sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

A parcel of land situated in Coffee County, Alabama being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the point of intersection of the east line of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Section 26, T7N, R21E and the northeast right-of-way line of Alabama Highway No. 167, the POINT OF BEGINNING, said corner being marked by a 4 foot steel fence U Picket and painted yellow, placed in the channel of a flowing stream and witnessed by a 5/8" rebar with Cap No. CA-0449-LS at South 71°23'58" West, 46.60 feet; thence North 18°36'02" West, 509.49 feet along said right-of-way line to an ALDOT concrete highway right-of-way monument; thence North 19°30'17" West, 225.67 feet along said right-of-way monument; thence North 19°30'17" West, 225.67 feet along said right-of-way line to an iron rod; thence North 89°59'59" East, 251.00 feet to an iron rod; thence South 01°09'41" West, 695.72 feet to an iron rod and the point of beginning. Said parcel lies wholly within the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 26, T7N, R21E, Coffee County, Alabama.

This conveyance is made subject to any easements, restrictions, reservations, covenants and rights of way of record.

The above property is being sold "AS IS" and is subject to any and all reservations, easements, restrictions, covenants, rights of way, and all matters of record.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt, costs and expenses arising out of the mortgagors' default, including attorney's fees. Please be advised that Allen C. Jones, as a debt collector, is attempting to collect the debt identified herein and that any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

Default being made in the conditions of that certain mortgage executed by MARTY W. MARLER, an unmarried person, to Troy

Bank and Trust Company, a banking corporation, on July 23, 2012, and being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama in A/OFFR 140A, Page 873, said Mortgagee to realize the entire indebtedness hereby will, on the 31st day of January, 2018, between the legal hours of sale at the Courthouse door in Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division, under the powers contained in said mortgage, sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

One lot or parcel of land in the northeast corner of the intersection of Simmons Street and Court Avenue in Elba, Alabama, being a part of Block "H" of the Town of Elba, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of the intersection of Simmons Street and Court Avenue in Elba, Alabama and running North along the east side of Court Avenue a distance of 100 feet to a point; thence running East a distance of 24.5 feet to a point; thence running South a distance of 100 feet to the north side of Simmons Street; and thence running West along the north side of Simmons Street 24.5 feet to the point of beginning.

Beginning 23.5 feet East of the Southwest corner of Block H in the Town of Elba, Alabama, and running thence East 18.5 feet, more or less, to the center of the concrete wall dividing Frank's Fishing Hole and Pearl's Deli; thence North 100 feet to an alley; thence West 18.5 feet, more or less, to a point; thence South 100 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and being the real property currently known as Frank's Fishing Hole and being bound as follows: On the South by Simmons Street, on the East by Francis Reeves property known as Pearl's Deli, on the North by an alley, and on the West by other property owned by the Grantee. Said property is a portion of the property conveyed by Ronnie Jinright and Gloria Jinright unto Francis Reeves and Pearl Reeves by Warranty Deed dated 04-07-95 and recorded in Deed Book 112A at Page 139 in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Elba, Coffee County, Alabama.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

Default being made in the conditions of that certain mortgage executed by MARTY W. MARLER, an unmarried person, to Troy Bank and Trust Company, a banking corporation, on April 11, 2014, and being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama in A/OFFR 152A, Page 761, said Mortgagee to realize the entire indebtedness hereby will, on the 31st day of January, 2018, between the legal hours of sale at the Courthouse door in Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division, under the powers contained in said mortgage, sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

One lot or parcel of land in the City of Elba, Coffee County, Alabama described as follows: Commencing at a point on the West side of a County Road known as Larkin Road, said point being 610 feet South of the intersection of said Larkin Road, and the Elba-Opp Highway, and running thence South along the Larkin Road, along the West margin thereof 190 feet more or less, thence West 200 feet, thence North 190 feet, thence East 200 feet to the point of Beginning.

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TOP STORIES

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the Pea River. Reportedly, the body was found by a K9 search unit checking the area Monday during an ongoing search for Ben Nelson who has been missing since Feb. 9th. As of Tuesday morning, March 7, Elba Police Chief Freddy Hanchey said there still had been no positive identification of the body.

- The Elba Parks and Recreation's 10U team had a perfect 10-0 regular season record. The team advanced to the State All-Stars where it beat Opp in first round before falling to Greenville in the semi-finals.

- Coffee County Young Farmers Jonathan and Sara Sanders won the Peanut Division of the Outstanding Young Farm Family (OYFF) competition at the 2017 Young Farmers Conference.

- The body recovered on the Pea River in Elba was determined to be that of Ben Nelson, age 38, of Samson, Ala. The body was recovered at approximately 1:40 p.m. Monday afternoon, March 6, about 2 miles south of Elba on the river, according to Elba Police.

- The UFTA (United Field Trialers Association) held its Nationals event Feb. 25 – March 4 in Whittington, Illinois. The local area was represented in the finals with the Shiloh Kennels Club, located in the Shiloh community just outside of Elba, participating. The Women's Flushing Division was strongly contested at the event, but Shiloh Kennels' Haley Kirkland, a newcomer to the event, took home first place with her dog, Bella.

- An investigation by the Elba Police Department led to the arrest of an Elba man on multiple charges, including burglary and theft of property. Elba Police Chief Freddy Hanchey said the department had received reports of suspicious activity at 475 Alabama Highway last week. Subsequently, Hanchey said Steven Alphoso Greer, age 32, of Elba, was arrested Saturday, March 18th. He was charged with burglary – third degree, criminal mischief – second degree, and theft of property – auto theft.

- The Elba High School Band program was represented well Friday, March 17, at District Honor Band with four students participating. The event was held at Enterprise High School. Elba's representatives were Jamie Clark, Mia Clark, Jessica Lewis, and Elizabeth Woodham.

- Alabama State Troopers investigated an accident early Saturday morning, March 25, where a pedestrian was killed on Alabama Highway 167 in Coffee County. Emily Dean Freeman, age 23, of Arifton, Ala., was lying in the roadway of Hwy. 167 when she was struck and killed by a 2005 Peterbilt. This accident occurred at 3:20 a.m. at the 33.60 mile marker, five miles north of Enterprise.

Top Stories from April 2017 –

- The Summer House (gazebo), located at the historic Evergreen Cemetery, in Elba received a facelift recently. This is the first of several projects planned for the Elba AL200 Bicentennial Celebration, according to Nell Gilmer AL200 Bicentennial committee chairperson for Elba. This building was originally completed 110 years ago in April 1907.

- One Elba man is dead while another faces a murder charge following an incident in Enterprise late Saturday night into early Sunday morning, April 9th. The Enterprise Police Department began its investigation into an alleged homicide at a residence in the 1400 Block of Shellfield Road in Enterprise. The victim was identified as Marcus Eugene Virghes, age 39, of

Elba. He was pronounced dead at the scene, the victim of a shooting. Around 6:30 p.m. Sunday night, Enterprise Police detectives reportedly arrested Ted Carstiel Caldwell, age 31, of Elba and charged him with murder.

- Elba High School senior Mary Lacy Lusk recently was declared a regional Bryant Jordan Student-Athlete Achievement Award recipient. She received this award Monday night, April 10, during a banquet held in Birmingham, Ala.

- On Monday evening, April 10, the Elba City Council meeting opened with residents of Cedar Lane Drive asking for city help in cleaning up yards at several Cedar Lane homes.

Mayor Mickey Murdock thanked the residents for bringing this to the council's attention, and he said it would be looked into. The group was encouraged to not hesitate notifying city officials if this problem is not eliminated.

- The Easter Bunny joined in on the fun of "Super Saturday" in Elba April 15th as he assisted the Elba Parks and Recreation and Elba Chamber with the 'Egg Drop' for children during the event. The bunny arrived via a City of Elba electric truck and from the bucket dropped thousands of eggs for youngsters to scurry around and pick up.

- Thursday evening, April 20, Elba City School Board members were thrilled to hear Superintendent Chresal Threadgill report the recent Alabama Department of Education's Comprehensive Monitoring Study of the entire school system went well. It was the first such study of the Elba school system since 2011, and the results were noticeably better this time around. The superintendent reported that after the committee completed the lengthy study (137-page detailed report) he had been told by the team leader that the group had completed 28 of these studies this year, and Elba was one of the best in the group.

- The Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker 2534 Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy recently met for their regular monthly meeting. Chapter members were honored to present the Judah P. Benjamin Award to Peggy Stroud of Elba for her outstanding volunteer work in the community. The award was presented by past Chapter President Donna Clark and Judah P. Benjamin Committee Chair Amanda Reeves.

- The Alabama Crimson Tide held its annual "A-Day" activities and Spring scrimmage game last Saturday, April 22, and former Elba Tiger Austin Johnson received special recognition from Coach Nick Saban. Johnson was recognized for the impact he has made on the team over the Spring, and was presented a Bear Bryant Outstanding Non-Scholarship Award from Coach Saban.

Top Stories from May 2017 –

- The operation of golf carts and ATV's [4-wheelers] on city streets has become a popular thing; however, Elba Police Chief Freddy Hanchey said it is actually illegal to operate these type vehicles on the streets unless they meet certain requirements. While the chief said citing citizens and youngsters for the operation of these type vehicles is not something his department necessarily wants to have to do, it is important for all to realize that unless certain requirements are met golf carts and 4-wheelers can not be allowed on the roadways.

- The Elba Rotary Club held its annual Foggy Bottom 5K Run (and Walk) Saturday morning, April 29, in Elba. The run begins

and ends each year at the old 'foggy bottom' football stadium [Miller Memorial Stadium] in downtown Elba. The participants make their way around the 3.1-mile course, all in the name of raising funds to help support scholarships to Elba High School seniors. The overall winner for the race was Greg Spence.

- During the monthly meeting held Monday night, May 1, the New Brockton Town Council lit the way for new streetlights at two entrances into the Mulberry subdivision.

Mayor Kathy Holley said concerns had been raised by residents of the subdivision that the Hwy. 84 and the Church Street entrances were too dark and needed additional lighting to make it safer. Council members shared those concerns, and quickly moved to solve the issue after a recommendation from the mayor.

- Local emergency personnel responded Friday afternoon, May 5, to the scene of a single vehicle accident on Alabama Highway 189, approximately seven miles north of the Elba city limits. A 2009 Hyundai Sonata, driven by Bonnie Palmer Morris, of Enterprise, went off the roadway where it crashed into the trees. Extrication equipment was used to remove Morris and a passenger [Clara Dianne Hockensmith of Enterprise] from the vehicle.

- The Coffee County Commission met Monday morning, May 8, for its regular bimonthly meeting, and Coffee County EMA director Larry Walker had good news for commissioners regarding outdoor warning sirens. Walker said the county was able acquire some used, but fairly new, sirens from an adjacent county. He said these would be installed four different areas in the county – 1) the Basin community, 2) near the area of Liberty Church of Christ, 3) near the Girl Scout Camp, and 4) at a site on County Road 306.

- Long time Enterprise mayor Kenneth Boswell announced Friday, May 5, that after 14 years as mayor he was resigning his position to accept the appointment as the new head of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA).

- The Elba City Council approved the refinancing of the 2011 INZI \$5,280,000 building expansion financing bond at the Monday, May 8, meeting. The action was also approved by the Elba Water and Electric Board in a special called meeting on Wednesday, May 10th.

- The New Hope Senior Citizens Center celebrated mothers Thursday, May 11, with the Muffins for Mom event. Former Mother of the Year for the center, Ouida Cotton, crowned the 2017 Mother of the Year during the event. The Mother of the Year award went this time to Agnes Ragen.

- Police chiefs Freddy Hanchey, Elba; Russell Young, Kinston; and Robert Seagle, New Brockton, stand at sentry post of the memorial wreath, which was placed by Ben Moates, supernumerary sheriff of Coffee County, during the Wednesday, May 15, Law Enforcement Memorial Service held in Elba. Speaking at the podium is Coffee County Sheriff's Department Chaplain Leon Adams. The memorial wreath is in honor of officers who lost their lives in the line of duty.

- The Coffee County Commission met Monday morning, May 22, for its second bimonthly meeting in May, and approved the tax settlement numbers for Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns to be submitted to the state. Burns said it had been a good year for tax collections in Coffee County. He said the county basically had a ½ million-

dollar increase in collections from 2015 to 2016.

Top Stories from June 2017 –

- The MainStreet Elba program held a star-studded event Thursday evening, May 25, to raise funds to help with additional entrance signs to be placed along entryways into the city. It was a sell-out event with attendance of 175 people.

- Tuesday afternoon, May 30, Head Start executive director Harriett McFarlin told a group of parents and concerned citizens that the federally funded Head Start program would be closing down in Elba with the end of this school year.

- The Coffee County Board of Education took the initial steps Thursday, June 1, to acquire additional real estate to benefit the Zion Chapel Schools campus. Superintendent Terry Weeks told board members during a work session held prior to the board's regular monthly meeting that the system had the opportunity to purchase 47-acres of land on the south side of Zion Chapel Schools.

- The New Brockton Town Council met Monday evening, June 5, and recognized to groups of young ladies for special accomplishments. The first group recognized was the recently crowned Miss New Brockton Queens. The next group recognized by the mayor and council was the New Brockton High School softball team, which made it to the state tourney this year.

- Dorsey Trailer owner Jeff Pitts discusses the progress and future growth plans of the trailer manufacturer during a recent tour of the local facility with U. S. Representative Martha Roby and her young daughter, Margaret.

- Elba school superintendent Chresal Threadgill has been named a finalist for the position of Superintendent of the Decatur City Schools, according to a story in the Tuesday, June 13, edition of The Decatur Daily.

- At its June meeting in Montgomery, the Alabama State Council on the Arts (ASCA) awarded 12 fellowship grants including one arts administration fellowship totaling \$60,000, and seven Arts and Cultural Facilities grants totaling \$168,500 for a grand total of \$228,500. Among the Arts and Cultural Facilities grants was a \$50,000 award to Elba's Restoration 154 for the first phase of construction to renovate the historic Elba Theatre, which the local non-profit organization will eventually operate as a performing arts center.

- The Elba Parks and Recreation kicked off its Camp E.X.C.E.L., and the attendance was terrific, according to camp leaders. The camp opened with 40 youngsters enrolled with 20 children enrolling for Camp E.X.C.E.L. from the Elba City Schools STEM Summer Camp.

- The Distinguished Young Women of Coffee County awarded \$8,900 in cash scholarships and named a new representative, Friday, June 2, 2017. The program was held in Enterprise, Ala., with nine distinguished young ladies from Coffee and Dale counties participating. The newly named Distinguished Young Women of Coffee County winner was Isabella Jackson of Elba.

- City of Elba employees received a letter this week, signed by city clerk Jack Mullinax, informing them that personal information may have been compromised recently due to old files being cleaned out of City Hall. The Elba Clipper has learned from multiple sources that some 600+ letters were mailed out.

- When thinking of baseball legends, Cooperstown, New York automatically comes to mind for many

sports fans as it is the home of the National Baseball Hall of Fame. It is not unusual for any young baseball player to dream of one day having his name associated with Cooperstown. For one Elba youngster, that dream came true already this summer. 12-year-old Whit Shehee, the son of Kelly and Kayron Shehee of Elba, plays baseball with a travel 12U team from Dothan – the Southern Closers. That team secured a spot this year in the American Youth Baseball Hall of Fame Tournament.

- Friends and family members of the late Taylor Creel Stinson have tackled the task of establishing a college scholarship fund in her memory.

- Elba School Superintendent Chresal Threadgill was one of two finalists for the position of Superintendent of Decatur Public Schools until last Friday, June 23, when he notified the school board that he was withdrawing his name from consideration.

- City of Elba employees of past and present learned recently that their personal information may have been compromised due to old files being cleaned out of city hall. It was revealed the documents had been taken to the local recycling center over a month ago, and these documents were not shredded prior to being removed from city hall. On Thursday afternoon, June 22, city employees placed approximately 2 ½ bales of these documents in a Shred-It truck to be taken and properly disposed of by that company.

- The Elba City Council met Monday evening, June 26, with council member Tom Maddox presiding. The first order of business was to officially go into an executive session with three announced issues to discuss. The agenda listed: a) Security concerns (recent issue with discarded personnel records; b) lawsuit (a federal court case filed by an insurance company on behalf of Elba) and c) a contract issue. Following an hour and half long executive session the council reconvened, and Rolanda Jones made a motion to approve spending \$7,500 with a firm, AllClear ID, which gives identity protection services to the City's and individual employees personal information for criminal purposes. The amount is for a period of one year.

Top Stories from July 2017 –

- On Wednesday morning, June 28, Elba Police returned to the Elba Recycling Center after receiving a report that the doors were open and no one was around the facility. Reports had been circulating for several days that there remained a considerable amount of sensitive materials dealing with city employees and former employees in the unsecured building. An announcement from City Hall earlier in the week proclaimed the materials had all been secured and processed by the shredder company. Upon arriving Police

Chief Freddy Hanchey and Lt. Robbie LaVoie found that both doors were wide open, and the facility was unattended. Further checking found there was indeed a considerable amount of employee personal information on paperwork still in the building despite the earlier efforts to recover and properly dispose of the old files.

- In a surprise move Thursday morning, June 29, 2017, Elba City Clerk Jack Mullinax announced his resignation, effective immediately.

- Shortly after 10 a.m. Thursday, June 29, emergency responders in Elba were dispatched to the

scene of a single vehicle accident near 4212 County Road 364. Upon arriving on scene, officials found a Jeep SUV, driven by Carolyn Blackmon of Elba, had left the roadway and struck trees and a fence before coming to a stop.

- Fireworks, great summer food and live entertainment highlighted the Tuesday evening, July 4th, "Let Freedom Ring" celebration on the square in downtown Elba. A beautiful fireworks display, by Elba native Mike Holderfield, closed the "Let Freedom Ring" event.

- At approximately 1:50 a.m. Thursday, July 6, the warden of the Alabama Department of Correction's Work Release Center in Elba reported an inmate unaccounted for at the facility. It was discovered that Michael John Klink, age 49, has escaped from the work release center around 1:30 a.m. that morning.

- Elba Police received an unusual call early Wednesday morning, July 5, which led to the arrest of an Elba man on multiple charges. Owners of Pope Tent in Elba arrived at the office early Wednesday morning and allegedly discovered an undressed man lying in the office of the business. Adam Walden, age 30, of County Road 360, Elba, Ala., was arrested and charged with burglary – third degree, breaking and entering, possession of drug paraphernalia, and resisting arrest.

- Former Coffee County Schools Superintendent Dr. Donald McPherson filed suit earlier this month in the Coffee County Circuit Court against the Coffee County Board of Education members. In the suit, the board members were named individually and in their capacity as BOE members.

- Elba native Harry Griffin excited to mentor student-athletes as a St. Scholastica Saints football coach in Minnesota.

- On Monday, July 24, Elba City Schools superintendent Chresal Threadgill sent out e-mails to school staff, board members and others announcing his decision to accept a position with the Mobile County School System. No exact date for his departure has been announced nor has the school board met and officially accepted his resignation.

- In a word - "rocking" best describes the Elba High School Marching Tiger Band's 2017 marching season show as the band prepares to deliver a Journey-themed show. The entire show will be Journey music all the way through. The 2017 edition of the Marching Tigers includes 100-plus members, and band director Shaun Hammonds said he is really excited about this year's show.

- The Elba City School Board met Thursday, July 20, and approved allowing the Superintendent to enter into a yearly contract to house the HeadStart program in the Elba Elementary School. OCAP will fund the HeadStart for the 20-plus students expected to be enrolled.

Top Stories from August 2017 –

- The Elba School Board met in special session Friday, July 28, to officially accept the resignation of Superintendent Chresal Threadgill, as well as that of high school science teacher Latanya Threadgill. Threadgill had submitted his resignation to take a position with the Mobile County, Alabama school system. He will be the Chief of Staff for the Mobile system, historically the largest school system in Alabama.

- The results of capital improvement projects for the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba contin-

TOP STORIES

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ue to be seen with construction work ongoing currently. According to Coffee County engineer Randy Tindell, there are several capital improvement projects taking place in Coffee County, but the current project at the courthouse is more visible. The work is being done on the south side entrance of the building, which faces Davis Street in downtown Elba.

- Dennis Coe agrees to serve as Elba's interim during superintendent search.

- The buses were rolling and the car lines were filled Monday morning, Aug. 7, as Elba City Schools opened its 2017-2018 school year. It was a full day of school for the students, teachers, administrators, and other staff, and from all reports thus far, the day was a huge success.

- During the monthly meeting Monday evening, Aug. 7, the New Brockton Town Council moved forward with illuminating a couple areas of the town by approving the cost of installation for new streetlights. Mayor Kathy Holley said she had spoken with the state highway department and Alabama Power regarding installation of a streetlight at the intersections of Hwy. 122/Hwy. 84 and Tyler Street/Hwy. 84.

- The Coffee County Board of Education met Thursday evening, Aug. 3, for its regular monthly meeting, and approval of the QZAB [Qualified Zone Academy Bonds] loan agreement was given, by the board, through a resolution. This loan agreement is between the school system and Regions Bank for a total amount of \$1.245 million at zero percent interest. The monies are to be used for capital projects including the New Brockton Elementary School kitchen addition to the lunchroom, the secure entry points project at all schools, and various roofing work.

- Elba Board of Education members agreed in a meeting Friday, Aug. 11, to assign the receiving and prescreening process for Elba's superintendent candidates to School Board Attorney Merrill Shirley. Shirley had served in this capacity in the past when the school system was accepting superintendent applications and knows the process.

- After successfully leading the Troy women's golf program to three Sun Belt Conference Championships and four overall appearances in an NCAA Regional, Elba High School alumnus Bart Barnes has been named the head men's golf coach at Troy University.

- Elba Nursing and Rehabilitation Center LLC welcomes Dr. Gabruce Alan Young to its staff, catering to the nursing home residents. A news release Monday, Aug. 14, announced the addition to the staff.

- During its recent meeting, the Elba City Council chose to utilize two branding concepts for the city. The concepts were presented to the council for review by Sandy Bynum, executive director of the Main Street Elba program, and other board members. Both branding concepts, adopted by the city council, will be used as they represent Elba in a visual format and feature similar designs. For exam-

ple, they both emphasize the courthouse as the most identifiable landmark in Elba.

- Adam Dasinger received a certificate recently from the Alabama Forestry Commission designating the Devilwood (*Osmanthus americanus*) tree on his family property in New Brockton as an Alabama Champion Tree. This is the first Champion Tree in Coffee County, according to Dasinger.

- Elba City Schools seemingly will be saying farewell to deputy superintendent Dr. LaKesha Brackins. At 1:38 p.m. Monday afternoon, Aug. 28, the Saraland City Schools posted on its Facebook page that Dr. Brackins would be joining the Spartan family. According to this post, she had been hired to serve Saraland City Schools as the new Director of Elementary Education.

- Elba brings home three awards from Main Street Alabama award program.

Top Stories from September 2017 –

- Local emergency personnel responded Saturday morning, Sept. 2, to the scene of an airplane crash at 20265 Hwy. 189 N, just beyond the Elba city limits. The crash was reported at 9:15 a.m. Both the pilot and a juvenile passenger were transported to Medical Center Enterprise by Coffee County EMS for non-life threatening injuries.

- The Elba City School Board met at noon Thursday, Aug. 31, in a special called meeting. The board accepted the resignation of Dr. LaKesha Brackins, deputy superintendent. Brackins' resignation is effective on September 29th.

- Incumbent Senator Jimmy Holley, R-Elba, confirmed recently his plans to seek a sixth term in the Alabama Senate.

- Hurricane Irma wreaked havoc all across Florida before reaching Alabama as a weakened tropical storm bringing wind and rain to the local area. Throughout the day Monday, Sept. 11, the local area experienced sustained winds around the 30-mile per hour range with gusts up to 40-45 miles per hour. This created some sporadic power outages and a few downed trees, but nothing widespread for Elba or the Coffee County area.

- The Coffee County Board of Education met in special session Thursday, Sept. 14, with the main purpose of adopting the Fiscal Year 2018 budget. The system's chief financial officer Shannon Odom presented the proposed budget. She said the anticipated total revenues [from all sources] for the year would be \$21,104,472.36.

- Enterprise attorney Henry "Sonny" Reagan has announced that he is running for Circuit Court Judge for Coffee and Pike County in the 12th Judicial Circuit. The judicial seat will become vacant during the 2018 election cycle because Judge Tom Head is retiring after 30 years of honorable service on the bench.

- Six finalists have been named in the Superintendent Search for Elba City Schools. Those selected for interview are: Robert Stanley Eldridge - Dothan High School,

Principal, Dothan Alabama; Paul C. Moseley - Elba High School, Principal, Elba; Wendell Garth Moss - Lamar County High School, Principal, Vernon; Rhinnie B. Scott - Greene County Schools, Principal, Eutaw; Randy L. Thomley - Winfield City Schools, Assistant Superintendent, Winfield; Gregory W. Yance - Houston County Schools, Rehobeth Elementary School Principal, Dothan.

- The Elba Chamber of Commerce held its annual membership banquet Thursday evening, Sept. 21, at the National Security Conference Center in Elba. It was a full house as the business community gathered for the event. The guest speaker for the night was author Chris Whaley.

- The Coffee County Commission recognized Larry Walker during its meeting Monday, Sept. 25. Walker is retiring as Coffee County EMA director after 14 years of dedicated service to the county.

Top Stories from October 2017 –

- A female suspect's plans to rob a Coffee County convenient store ended when the store clerk took control of the situation and held the suspect until law enforcement could arrive on scene. According to Coffee County Chief Deputy R.W. Whitworth, a white female, identified as Terri Boyd Bowden, entered the Kountry Korner store at the intersection of Highway 125 and Highway 167 N and attempted to rob the store. He said she presented two weapons, but the store clerk reacted by taking the weapons from the suspect.

- Alabama State Troopers said a single vehicle accident Friday, Sept. 29, at 9 p.m., claimed the life of a Jack, Ala. man. The crash occurred on Coffee County Road 209, south of Alabama Hwy. 167. Edward Herschell Tidwell, age 51, was killed when the 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe he was driving left the roadway and overturned.

- During Coronation ceremonies held Friday morning, Oct. 6, Elba High senior Hailey Parrish was crowned the 2017 Homecoming Queen. She was crowned by Elba High School principal Chris Moseley.

- The Excellence in County Government Award was presented recently to Coffee County from the Association of County Commissions of Alabama. Commission chairman Dean Smith accepted the award.

- As the Elba Marching Tiger Band celebrated 75 years last Friday, Oct. 6, during Homecoming festivities, a proclamation from the Alabama Senate was presented to band director Shaun Hammonds commemorating the occasion. Over 100 former band members returned for this celebration.

- Elba Police made an arrest Sunday, Oct. 15, in regards to a recent burglary of a residence on Alabama Highway 84 East. The items are believed to have been stolen some time between Oct. 4th and Oct. 8th, according to police reports. These items reported as stolen included: approximately 12-cases of shotgun shells, one new NWTG 65-qt. Yeti cooler, a Yeti Hopper Flip 12, .22 caliber ammo, and an Echo weedeater. Elba Police arrested Quentin Deshaun Bryan, age 18, of Elba, and charged him with burglary – third degree in connection to this crime.

- The Elba City School Board voted Thursday evening, Oct. 12, to name high school principal Chris Moseley as the new superintendent of the school system. If contract details are agreed upon, Moseley is expected to take the office on Nov. 1st as Elba's new superintendent of schools.

- A mother's desire to

honor her stillborn child came to fruition last Thursday afternoon, Oct. 12, when a new CuddleCot was donated by the Astemborski family to the Women's Center at Medical Center Enterprise. Kennedy Astemborski came into this world at June 1, 2017 stillborn. Her parents were Andrew and Kristy Astemborski, and she had two siblings, Cole and Piper.

- Generous donations make way for two new Habitat for Humanity homes to be built soon in Elba.

Top Stories from November 2017 –

- The Elba Volunteer Fire Department responded Wednesday night, Oct. 25, at approximately 10:30 p.m., to the scene of a fully involved structure fire on the Old Samson Road in Elba. Upon arrival, firefighters found a doublewide mobile home to be on fire with half of the structure showing heavy flames. The New Brockton Volunteer Fire Department assisted Elba as mutual aid for manpower. Firefighters remained on scene until approximately 2:15 a.m. Thursday morning.

- The Elba City School Board met in a short special session last Friday afternoon, Oct. 27, to approve an employment contract with newly named superintendent Chris Moseley.

- The contract was effective on Wednesday Nov. 1st and is for three years. Moseley's contract will be for \$105,000 per year with the usual options to give raises, including him being qualified for any percentage raise for school teachers that is approved on the state level.

- Several dignitaries visited the Dorsey Trailer facility in Elba Monday, Oct. 30, to tour a recently completed rebuild of a structure destroyed last year by fire. The tour came just shy of the one-year anniversary of that destructive blaze, which occurred Nov. 3, 2016.

- The Elba Termites youth football team, sponsored by the Elba Parks and Recreation, won the Super Bowl Championship last Saturday night, Oct. 28th. This marked back-to-back championships for this team of 9-10 year old boys.

- Elba native Gavin Mauldin recently accepted the position as coordinator for the Coffee County Extension office. This position was held previously by Grant Lyons, who now is the deputy director of the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency for Coffee County.

- Elba Police investigated a shooting early Sunday morning, Nov. 5, which resulted in the gunshot victim later being arrested for attempting to rob another person. Elba Police Chief Freddy Hanchey said his department received a reported shortly after 5:30 a.m. Sunday morning indicating police were needed on Jackson St. in the Mulberry Heights area of the city. Upon arrival, he said police found a man with a single gunshot wound in the leg. Adam Julius Graham, age 31, of Elba was transported to a local hospital to receive treatment for the gunshot wound to his leg. After being released from the hospital, he was arrested and taken to the Coffee County Jail on multiple charges, including robbery – first degree, possession of marijuana – second degree, and giving a false name to police.

- The Coffee County Commission approved a tax abatement Monday morning, Nov. 13, during its meeting for a economic development project that officials said could have a tremendous impact on the local area. County administrator Rod Morgan said officials had been discussing the project –

referred only to as Project Falcon – for quite some time during work sessions. In order for the project to move forward with the state, Morgan said Project Falcon requested an approved resolution from the county for tax abatement.

- With a vote of 6-1, commissioners approved an initial 10-year full tax abatement of non-educational taxes, and an additional 10-years [years 11-20] at a 50 percent tax abatement of non-educational taxes for Project Falcon.

- The Elba City School Board met Tuesday night, Nov. 14, for the first time under new Superintendent Chris Moseley. The superintendent addressed the hiring of a high school principal to fill the position he vacated upon accepting the superintendent's position. He said there were 31 applicants for the position; six from that group were interviewed.

- Moseley recommended promoting Wynn Grimes to the principal's position. The vote to name Grimes as the high school principal was unanimous.

- For the second year in a row, the Elba Ministerial Association hosted a musical program for the Elba Community Thanksgiving Program. The title of this year's program was "Then Sings My Soul" and it proved to be quite a joyous night as community members gathered to praise the Lord through song and scripture.

- The Elba Chamber of Commerce officially welcomed I Mean Clean to business Friday morning, Nov. 17, with a ribbon cutting ceremony. I Mean Clean is owned by Rory Vignola, and the office is located at 130 Factory Avenue in Elba.

- Four children lost their mother Monday, Nov. 27, in an incident that now is being investigated by the Coffee County Sheriff's Office as a homicide. During a press conference held Tuesday morning, Nov. 28, Coffee County Sheriff Dave Sutton said his department received a call at approximately 8:30 a.m. Monday morning of a possible suicide at a residence on County Road 647. He said a deputy was dispatched to check on this matter, and after arriving on scene that deputy called for assistance because this matter would become a criminal investigation. The victim was identified as Sara Starr, age 36, of Chancellor, Ala. She was the mother of at least four children, and a fourth grade teacher at Harland Creek Elementary School in Enterprise.

- A New Brockton man found himself under arrest early Friday morning, Nov. 24, after an altercation outside the Waffle House restaurant in Enterprise, Alabama. Officials said they determined the suspect and victim had a verbal and physical altercation inside the restaurant, and it continued into the parking lot. It was while they were in the parking lot that officials said the suspect, Joshua Clayton Ward of New Brockton, allegedly pulled a handgun and shot the victim once in the leg. Ward was charged with assault – first degree.

Top Stories from December 2017 –

- The Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) released its new sports classifications for the next few years on Thursday, Nov. 30, and Elba High School will move to Class 1A competition for that time frame. The AHSAA looks at enrollment numbers from grades 10-12 only for student numbers in the classification breakdown. The numbers released created a bit of confusion in regards to Elba High School's overall enrollment, and Superintendent Chris Moseley addressed this

confusion with The Elba Clipper. He stressed that Elba did not drop to Class 1A because students are leaving Elba. The overall Elba High School enrollment (grades 7-12) has increased since the last time the AHSAA did a reclassification for sports, Moseley said.

- The annual Christmas Parade ushered in the holiday season Monday evening, Dec. 4, for the people and businesses of Elba. The parade is sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce, and this year's Grand Marshal was a special guest to the city. Elfie the Elf came to town Monday evening as a special guest of the Chamber, and will stay around much of the month of December to help promote a retail promotion – a \$300 Chamber Cash Give-away.

- Alabama Governor Kay Ivey led a long list of dignitaries on hand Tuesday morning, Dec. 12, at Wayne Farms in northern Coffee County to announce the huge expansion of the poultry processing plant and participate in the official groundbreaking for the 200,000 square foot addition. The project is projected to be an addition of \$105 million to the local facility. Daily employment at the plant will jump 400 people, in addition to the 1,200 already employed, once the expansion and modernization is completed in early 2019.

- 'Tis the season for giving, and the Elba High School Alumni Association did just that earlier this week when a check in the amount of \$700 was presented to the Elba High School Marching Tiger Band. The donation, which was approved by the alumni association members at their annual meeting in October, will cover the cost of one band student for the Marching Tiger Band's trip to Chicago in March 2018.

- The Elba City Council approved Monday evening, Dec. 11, a motion to move forward with construction of a new splash pad to round out options in the local recreation program. The cost is estimated at \$187,285. This includes 2,600 feet of water playground and a five foot wide concrete pad encircling the area and being home to numerous benches for parents and others watching the youth splashing in the water. The new splash pad will be located in the area of the old high school, adjacent to Tiger Town Park. Recreation Director Greg Hanchey said the new facility would be in operation by May 1, 2018.

- Keith and Leslie Grantham and their son, Trace, are recognized by The Elba Clipper as Elba's 2017 Christmas Family.

- The Coffee County Courthouse is Elba was constructed in 1903. Since that date, the courthouse has had four entrances, one on each side of the building. That is about to change. Beginning Tuesday, Jan. 2, only one entrance will be open to the public – that being the south entrance [facing Davis Street]. Security for the courthouse falls under the jurisdiction of the county sheriff, and Coffee County Sheriff Dave Sutton said this entrance change is necessary to accommodate a new security system recently installed in the 114-year-old building.

- The Elba City School Board voted at its recent December meeting to name Jason Tucker as Elba High School Assistant Principal. Tucker will continue his work as math teacher and show choir director, at least for the balance of this school year. The school system gets a half unit financial support for this position from the Alabama Education Department as part of the Foundation Program.

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Elba Elementary School Menu for Jan. 8th - 12th

- Monday, Jan. 8th**
Breakfast: Muffin and Cheese Stick, Cereal, Juice Fruit, Milk
Lunch: Buffalo Chicken w/ Flat Bread, Cooked Carrots, Green Beans, Juice, Fruit, Milk
- Tuesday, Jan. 9th**
Breakfast: Sausage Biscuit, Cereal and Cheese Stick, Juice Fruit, Milk
Lunch: McRib, Baby Bakers, California Vegetables, Juice, Fruit, Milk
- Wednesday, Jan. 10th**
Breakfast: Frudel Strudel, Link Sausage, Cereal w/ Cheese Stick, Juice Fruit, Milk
Lunch: Chili w/ Chips, Shredded Cheese, Corn, Garden Salad, Juice, Fruit, Milk
- Thursday, Jan. 11th**
Breakfast: French Toast w/ Ham, Cereal w/ Cheese Stick, Juice Fruit, Milk
Lunch: BBQ Potato w/ Roll, Cooked Carrots, Graham Cracker, Juice, Fruit, Milk
- Friday, Jan. 12th**
Breakfast: Ham Cheese Croissant, Cereal w/ Cheese Stick, Juice Fruit, Milk
Lunch: Breaded Beef Patty w/ Cornbread, Mashed Potato w/ Gravy, Black-eye Peas, Juice, Fruit, Milk

Upon request of Troy's Chief of Police SBI investigating arrest incident in Troy, Ala. where juvenile suspect was injured

On Sunday, Dec. 23, 2017, Troy (Alabama) Police Officers arrested a 17-year-old juvenile in the area of Madison Street at approximately 11:52 p.m. During the arrest, the juvenile was injured and was transported directly to Troy Regional Medical Center. The Juvenile was later transported to University of Alabama Medical Center in Birmingham, and subsequently released. City of Troy Police Chief Randall Barr requested the Alabama State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) conduct

an independent investigation into the use of force by his officers. Chief Barr's request was approved and Agents from SBI immediately responded to Troy, conducting interviews and collecting evidence. In order to protect the juvenile involved and the integrity of the investigation, no additional information will be released by SBI until this investigation is closed. The completed investigation will be turned over to Pike Co. District Attorney Tom Anderson for presentation to a Grand Jury.



Associate Degree Nursing and Practical Nursing graduates participate at the recent pinning and candle lighting ceremony. Graduates take the Nurses' Pledge before beginning their healthcare careers.

WCC honors Fall 2017 nursing graduates in pinning ceremony

Wallace Community College – Dothan recently conferred credentials upon fall 2017 graduates of the associate degree and practical nursing programs. The graduates, who represent students from the Sparks Campus in Eufaula and the Wallace Campus in Dothan, will help fill employment gaps in the local healthcare workforce. Since the first graduating class in 1953, the practical nursing program has produced over almost 4,000 graduates. The associate degree program has graduated over 4,200 nurses since the initial 1971 class. The fall 2017 associate degree class was the largest class to graduate in one semester. Since the inaugural graduating class in 1953, health programs at Wallace Community College have combined to place almost 14,000 healthcare graduates into the workforce of the Wiregrass area. Wallace continues to enroll large numbers of prospective allied health and nursing students each semester. More than 38% of the College's student enrollment is registered in health sciences or pre-health sciences courses. The nursing programs are approved by the Alabama Board of Nursing and are fully accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). For additional information about Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) contact Michelle Blackmon at mblackmon@wallace.edu, or call 334-556-2262. For information about Practical Nursing (PN) contact Hannah Mixson at hmixson@wallace.edu, or call 334-556-2220. Application information for both programs and are available at www.wallace.edu. Application information is available at www.wallace.edu/healthscience_applications. Local graduates of the practical nursing program are:
Elba: Markia Reese;
Enterprise: Tara C. Brzezinski and Brooke Smith;
Local graduates of the associate degree nursing program are:
Enterprise: Mercedes Baker, Jessica Ann Brown, Hannah Easley, Lindsey Ethridge, Alison Marler, Melissa Seay and Megan Zientek.



MAKING NEEDED REPAIRS...Alabama Department of Transportation employees are shown recently making much needed repairs to a culvert (drain) along Claxton Avenue in downtown Elba (in front of Troy Bank and Trust). This particular culvert had been caving in for some time and was in dire need of repairs. There even had been reports of people falling in and around the culvert prior to this repair work. Now, it is a much safer area for those walking along the adjoining sidewalk in this area.

Only one entrance open now for county courthouse building in Elba

As of Tuesday, Jan. 2, only one entrance is open to the public at the Coffee County Courthouse building in Elba – that being the south entrance [facing Davis Street]. Security for the courthouse falls under the jurisdiction of the county sheriff, and Coffee County Sheriff Dave Sutton said this entrance change is necessary to accommodate a new security system recently installed in the 114-year-old building. “It is unfortunate that we live in a time when every person that enters a courthouse must be checked for weapons,” the sheriff said. “We had to come up with a location in this historic building that would accommodate a modern security system. The South entrance is the only entrance that had a vestibule large enough to house the security employees and equipment.” Other aspects of the new security system include: electronic door locking systems, alarms, high resolution cameras, and video recording equipment. The courthouse building in Elba serves as the official courthouse building for the county as Elba is the county seat for Coffee County. There also is a courthouse annex building located in Enterprise.

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SPORTS

Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

A new year is upon us and that brings with it high hopes for renewed wellbeing and the best for family and friends. Our grandson Lawson enjoyed watching fireworks at the lake and staying up late to ring in the New Year, but didn't want to eat any black-eyed peas for lunch on New Year's Day. So, I guess I'll have to share my luck with my little man.

For what it is worth....

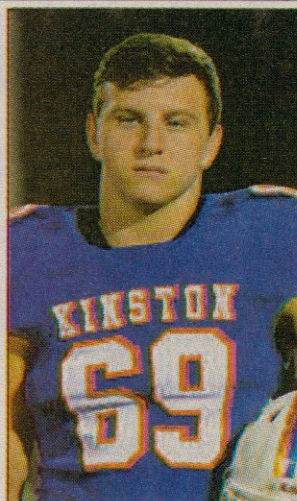
*** The Elba Tigers got to enjoy a few days off during the holidays and will be fresh and ready to go next week when they get back on the court and try to improve on their slow start. The Tigers were expected to be a 2A contender this season, but struggled to a 2-5 record in pre-holiday action, and need to get off to a fast start to regain their confidence and let everyone know they are still the team to beat in the area. My guess is that Elba will be just fine and will still be a factor in the 2A ranks.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers took three weeks off for the holidays and will also be looking to make some noise when they get back on the court. The Lady Tigers picked up two wins in a tournament in Brantley before the break and looked like the team their fans had hoped for. So, look for the Lady Tigers to come out fast and try to take command in the area as they keep an eye on the post-season.

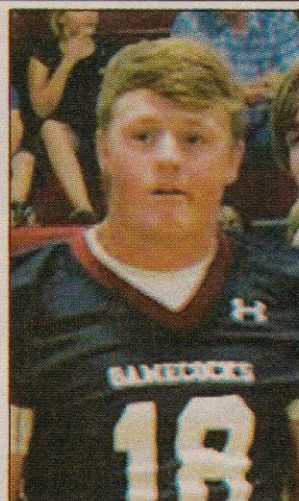
*** The area teams will all swing back into action next week and it looks like an exciting month ahead for the fans. In boys' play, Brantley should be a team to keep an eye on in the 1A ranks, while Kinston could be a sleeper, and there is no doubt New Brockton and Zion Chapel will return as much better teams when they get back on the court. Over with the girls, Brantley will only get better and better and should be a factor in their race, while Kinston also looks like an area contender, and New Brockton and Zion Chapel are both teams to keep an eye on.

*** The Alabama Sports Writers Association announced its annual all-state high school football picks last week and for the first time in decades the Elba Tigers failed to put even one player on the list. New Brockton, Luverne and Goshen all had numerous players on the various all-state teams, but the Tigers were shut out completely! I know that coaches send in their lists of players that they feel are worthy of post-season honors. So, I guess Coach Rigby's list must have been sent to Santa by mistake, because Elba had a number of players worthy of state honors. Oh well, maybe next season the Tigers need to roll up some big stats as a new team in Class 1A to make sure someone gets at least a little attention.

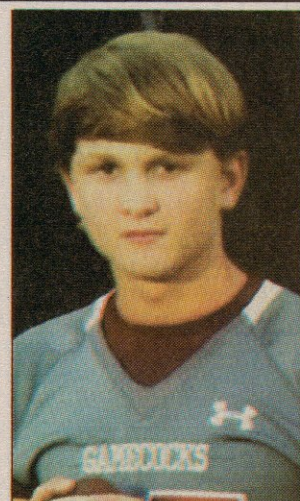
*** In closing.... I have watched very few bowl games this year, but did watch a little of the games involving SEC teams, and believe now more than ever that there are way too many bowl games and that most fans agree with me. Just about none of the games were sellouts, and made me wonder just what the colleges got from the bowls to get them to come. They should just change the names to ESPN Bowl 1, ESPN Bowl 2, and etc.



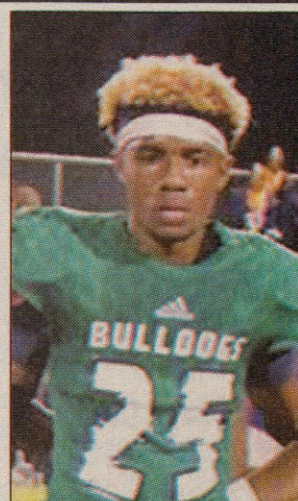
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Area players named All-State

The Alabama Sports Writers Association released its annual "All-State" high school football selections last week for the 2017 season and included on the honored list were a number of area players.

New Brockton line-backer Chase Cardwell (6-1, 212) was a first team selection in Class 2A, while Gamecock teammates Russell Weeks (6-4, 201) was a second-team pick as a punter and Josh Cardwell received honorable mention as a defensive lineman.

Brantley was also well represented on the Class 1A selections with a total of four players named to the list, led by first team selection Tyler Booker (5-10, 165) at defensive back. Ethan Flowers (5-11, 230) was a second-team pick at offensive line and was joined on the second team by Parker Driggers (6-0, 170) as an athlete, while Mack Wise received honorable mention as a running back.

Kinston had two players listed on the 1A list with Nick Lundberg (5-10, 195) making the list at line-backer and Austin Calhoun receiving honorable mention at quarterback.

Other players from the wiregrass area named to the list included:

Class 7A
(Second Team)

Chance Warren, receiver, Enterprise, senior

Class 6A
(Second Team)

Eric James, defensive back, Dothan, junior
(Honorable Mention)
Nate Cooper, offensive line, Dothan, sophomore

Class 5A
(Second Team)

Joe Green, running back, Eufaula, junior
Cameron Bush, kicker, Charles Henderson, senior
Tim McClendon, line-backer, Carroll, senior
KaDarian Hill defensive line, Eufaula, senior
John Goolsby, punter, Carroll, junior

(Honorable Mention)
Taylor Gover, quarterback, Eufaula, junior

Class 4A
(First Team)

Bridges Anderson, receiver, Andalusia, senior
(Second Team)

Ethan Wilson, quarterback, Andalusia, senior
Cam Horne, athlete, Dale County, senior

(Honorable Mention)
Roosevelt Weaver, running back, Andalusia, junior

Class 3A
(First Team)

Rayshawn Reynolds, defensive back, Pike Co., sophomore
Henry Beckett, punter, Houston Academy, junior

(Second Team)
Spurlin Kelley, defensive back, Opp, senior

Tyler Ellenburg, line-backer, Wicksburg, senior

Reggie Thompson, athlete, Opp, senior

(Honorable Mention)
Shawn Bowden, running back, Wicksburg, senior

Jahzarion Lampley, running back, Pike Co., senior

Daris Reed, offensive line, Opp, senior

Class 2A
(First Team)

Tyler Harris, offensive line, Luverne, senior

Matthew Spencer, offensive line, Arton, junior

Dawson Hamlin, kicker, Goshen, senior

Elban Harris, defensive back, Luverne, junior
Jaquon Kinney, defensive back, Abbeville, junior
(Second Team)

Brock Snyder, quarterback, Goshen, senior

Zack Alford, receiver, Goshen, senior

Dakari Siler, offensive line, Goshen, senior

Bryson Peavy, defensive back, Arton, junior

(Honorable Mention)
Craig Kinsey, running back, Abbeville, senior

Jeremiah White, running back, Geneva Co., senior

Satlyer Wilson, receiver, Luverne, sophomore

Humberto Hernandez, kicker, Arton, senior

Arian Gregory, linebacker, Luverne, sophomore

Devin Bell, defensive line, Goshen, senior

Class 1A
(First Team)

Jamichael Stallworth, quarterback, Georgiana, senior

Jamarcus Sims, defensive back, Georgiana, senior

Lecedric Haynes, defensive line, Georgiana, junior

Devin March, defensive line, Houston Co., senior

(Second Team)
Kendall Long, offensive line, Georgiana, sophomore

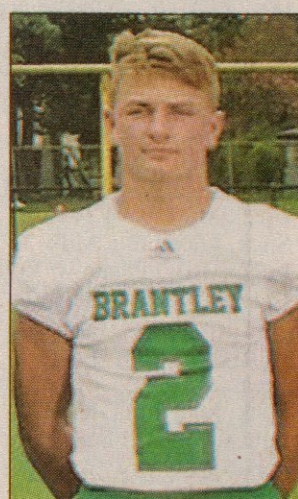
(Honorable Mention)
Jacob Hammac, quarterback, Florala, sophomore

Darien Collier, linebacker, Houston Co., freshman

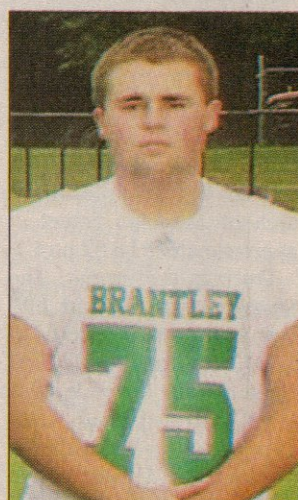
Jalen Nettles, defensive line, Georgiana, junior

Cameron Williams, punter, Houston Co., junior

Donaven Roberson, athlete, Highland Home, junior



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ETHAN FLOWERS

High School BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

Thursday, Jan. 4

Kinston at New Brockton
Brockton
Zion Chapel at G.W. Long
Brantley at Highland Home

Friday, Jan. 5

Elba at New Brockton
Kinston at Florala

Saturday, Jan. 6

Elba at Highland Home (1:00)
Brantley at Luverne (1:00)

Tuesday, Jan. 9

Pleasant Home at Kinston
Zion Chapel at New Brockton

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JAN. 22 • ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER 6 p.m. Dinner for Dothan Landmarks Foundation members. Recap of 2017, new board members, and

Volunteer of the Year and Heritage Award winners announced. Stokes Activity Barn. Advance tickets required. \$15 per person. Meal prepared by the Blue Plate Restaurant. Call 334-794-3452 for tickets.

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JAN. 27 • HUMMINGBIRD WORKSHOP 10 a.m. Learn about hummingbirds with expert Fred Basset. Free with paid gate admission. Registration required. Call 334-794-3452 to register.

JAN. 27 • SEED SWAP 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Ag Building. Hosted by Wiregrass Master Gardeners. Gardeners are encouraged to bring samples of their favorite seeds to exchange with others. The park is especially interested in obtaining heirloom seeds. Free with paid gate admission.

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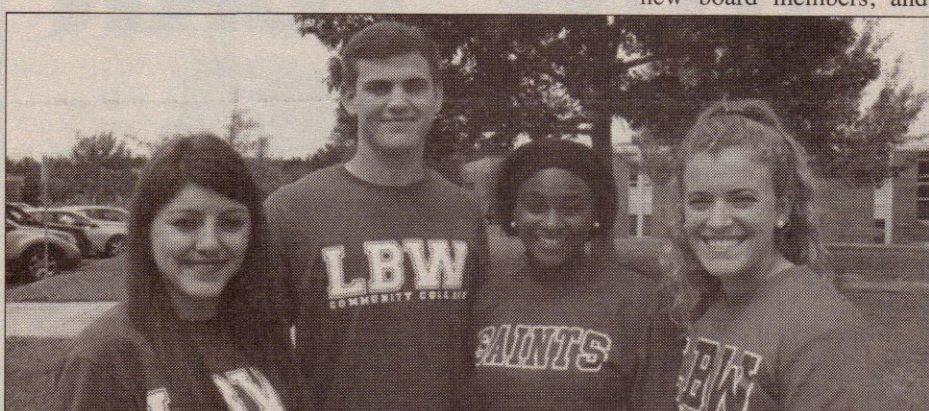
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